## 2019

# TOWN OF GREECE

## **ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**



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## **Executive Summary**

## AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

#### 1. Introduction

Two thousand and nineteen (2019) marks the 45th year that the Town of Greece (the "Town") will receive a potential allocation from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Historically, this program helped the Town channel approximately \$400,000+/- annually into the Town in support of housing stock, infrastructure and community service programs that primarily benefit low to moderate-income households, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities. The CDBG Program receives its funding through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In order to remain compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations, which cover these federally funded activities and programs, the Town is required to complete a five-year strategic plan and annual action plan(s) for the different program years that are covered by the five-year plan. The five year strategic plan covers overall program priorities and long-term initiatives, where the annual action plan addresses projects funded on an annual basis along with new program initiatives, if any, for the program year.

Like previous Program Years, documents/plans have been and will be completed in full within HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) and will be submitted in conjunction with both the Town of Irondequoit and Monroe County's Annual Action Plans.

The purpose of the Town's 2015-2019 Strategic Action Plan (the "Strategic Plan") was to communicate a clear vision to the Town's residents of the analysis of community development and housing needs, the intended use of federal block grant funds to meet these needs, and to encourage public commentary in the endeavor. The Town has an established citizen participation plan to process and solicit commentary on all relevant aspects of this program. The Strategic Plan represents a coordinated effort by the Town to include input, if any, from public and private sources throughout the community in the planning of these community development programs. The plan also serves as a reporting mechanism to HUD on the planning and evaluation of the programs.

#### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Town will continue to give priority to the provision of affordable rental housing for seniors and persons with disabilities and rehabilitation assistance for housing occupied by low- and very low-income homeowners. The Department of Development Services continues its task of working with developers for such projects within the Town. Below is a listing of some past, current, and proposed projects and are as follows:

#### Past:

<u>Cornerstone Pointe Apts. & Long Pond Senior Apts.</u> (1&3 GBC Parkway AKA 1230 Long Pond Road) This complex was recently completed in two (2) phases and provides approximately 120 rental units to income-qualified seniors only. The development was a partnership between PathStone Development Corporation and Rochester's Cornerstone Group.

#### **Current:**

Orchard View (Latta Road) This development consists of 430 market-rate rental units for senior citizens (80 one-story townhouses; 350 apartments located in 14+/- two-story garden type buildings). The project will be done in two phases. It has received all its approvals from the town and is currently undergoing infrastructure improvements. The developer is Apple Latta LLC, whose members consist of Morgan Management Corporation and Angelo Ingrassia. This senior housing project in Greece is among the beneficiaries of property and sales tax breaks also approved by the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA); approved for a custom payment-in-lieu of taxes program for the \$56.6 million dollar project. The agreement provided for an incentive package valued at \$9 million and estimates state and regional benefits from the project at nearly \$15 million. The project is expected to create eight full time jobs. Phase 1 is currently under construction.

<u>Kirkdale Villas</u> (Off of Kirk Road) This ongoing development will consist of approximately 50 market-rate townhomes for senior citizens only. At this time, approximately 40 units have been constructed.

#### **Proposed**

<u>Maiden Meadows</u> (Maiden Lane, East of Long Pond Road) This development consists of 72 market-rate one and two-story townhomes. This project has received all of its approval from the town and construction should begin sometime this year. The developer is Robert Laviano.

In addition to these specific projects, the Town is continuing to see the additional buildout/construction of new sections to existing residential subdivisions, which contain single-family homes for sale. A complete listing of projects will be included as an appendix/attachment to the Action Plan. Furthermore, the Town will continue to work with developers to provide affordable and rental housing projects when possible.

#### 3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The Town's block grant funds will continue to be used to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to low- and very low-income homeowners, through its Greece Residential Improvement Program, which is administered by the Town's Department of Technical Services (Building Department) and through rehabilitation grants provided by Monroe County's HOME Program. Furthermore, the Town will continue to fund the Home Safe Home Program, which is provided by Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc. The Home Safe Home Program provides safety assessments and minor home modifications to a minimum of 75-100 residents, 62 years of age or older and/or persons with distabilities of any age. Safety assessments help improve overall safety and independence of residents and provide equipment/supplies with a goal of preventing falls and other injuries to older adults and/or persons with disabilities. Assessments, modifications and equipment are provided without charge to Greece residents that are found eligible for the service. Examples of these modifications include installation of grab bars; transfer benches; hand held shower; tub grips; raised toilet seats; tub doors; door grips and stair hand rails, just to name a few. Referrals to this program are received through Eldersource / NY Connects or through direct referral from the Town. These same programs have been consistently funded through CDBG funding and remain a vital resource to town residents.

#### 4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

As an entitlement community, the Town has established its own policies and procedures designed to encourage and facilitate citizen participation in its Community Development Block Grant Program. These policies and procedures are separate from the citizen participation program that is administered by Monroe County as part of the Monroe County Consortium. The citizen participation plan developed by the town reflects demographic, economic, and geographic characteristics that are unique to the town. The Plan includes the policies and procedures to increase the availability of information and records to the general public. The Town accomplishes this through the use of town and local publications, including quarterly newsletters, which are sent to every Town household, including renters and homeowners. Also, the Town publishes information regarding the consolidated plan through local newspapers and the Town's website. This information is supplemented through the dissemination of individual programs at locations (e.g. Town facilities, places of worship, non-profit organizations, etc.) frequented by lower-income residents, including the elderly. Furthermore, the Town has recently hosted informational neighborhood meetings to better educate residents of certain CDBG Programs, such as GRIP. This meeting was attended by individuals from different age groups who were seeking more information regarding the GRIP Program and its requirements.

### 5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

No comments or views were received. All and any comments received as a part of this Action Plan and/or CDBG Program are always welcomed and/or fully addressed.

#### 6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

No comments or views were received. All and any comments when received as a part of this Action Plan and/or CDBG Program are always welcomed and/or fully addressed.

#### 7. Summary

N/A

## PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

### 1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	GREECE	Department of Development Services

Table 1 - Responsible Agencies

#### **Narrative**

The Office of Community Development within the Town's Department of Development Services is the Town government entity responsible for overseeing programs funded by the block grant. While most programs covered by the Consolidated Plan are administered by Town personnel, the Town also includes and relies on sub-recipients of the grant, such as not-for-profit organizations, such as Lifespan of Greater Rochester, to administer block grant funded activities.

#### **Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

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## AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

#### 1. Introduction

The Town has a close, ongoing working relationship with Monroe County to help carry out its Strategic Plan. This ongoing relationship has allowed the town to supplement its limited resources with Monroe County's staff, expertise and funding. In addition, it has facilitated a coordinated approach to common problems and opportunities, including shared strategy for dealing with impediments to housing choices. Furthermore, the Town is a part of and will continue to participate in its membership in Monroe County's HOME Program Consortium, which allows for the Town to participate in its HUD-funded program and the Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC Board brings various stakeholders together to enhance coordination. The Board is comprised of not-for-profit social service organizations, members of public organizations, such as the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development (Community Development Office), the City of Rochester, Monroe County Department of Human Services, Rochester Housing Authority, the Town of Greece, and the Homeless Services Network (HSN). The HSN is a coalition of community based organizations and governmental agencies serving the homeless, acts as the broader stakeholder for CoC. The HSN provides the ability and venue for coordination, training discussions, priorities visioning and gap analysis in the CoC for all agencies, including public, private, not-for-profit, faith-based, social service organizations, and formerly homeless individuals.

In addition, the Town meets each year with Monroe County's Community Development staff, along with the Town of Irondequoit to discuss each of our respective CDBG programs and activities. These meetings are generally to help one another understand policies and/or procedures; see what is working and what is not within our respective activities; and to just learn from each other. Furthermore, the town has frequent contact, notably with Monroe County to discuss any questions that may arise.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I)).

Coordination is enhanced through the Town's continued working relationship with several area public and not-for-profit agencies. Among these agencies is the Monroe County's Department of Planning and Development, which the Town has had a long and productive partnership and will continue this partnership in many different areas/topics, notably in the area of affordable and fair housing programs.

The Town's continued affiliation/contact with providers of service to homeless persons takes place on an-going basis through its membership and participation on the Rochester/Monroe County Continuum of Care (CoC). Furthermore, the Town continues its dialogue with other housing and social service agencies, including organizations such as the Catholic Family Services, the Housing Council, and

Providence Housing, to name a few. The purpose of the dialogue is to explore possible cooperation and mutual assistance, especially in the area of affordable housing construction.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) is the lead entity for the Continuum of Care planning and management process, including the direct oversight of the implementation of the CoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), project monitoring and establishment of project priorities. For the last five (5) years, a member of the Town's Community Development staff has served on the CoC Board. Furthermore, that same member has assumed the following roles and responsibilities within the CoC: member of the Monitoring Committee and Local Application Review Committee; the review and ranking of applications; attends meetings with the HSN and other stakeholders; and other duties when asked. In addition, members of the Community Development staff has participated in HUD's annual Point-in-Time (PIT) for the last four (4) years), which is conducted through out Monroe County to count the number of homeless individuals in the area.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

N/A. The Town does not receive any ESG funding. Please refer to the Action Plan submitted by Monroe County for information regarding ESG and HMIS.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	The Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The CoC consults with other state agencies, including the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities on a regular basis.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

N/A

## Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Rochester/Monroe County	As a member of the CoC, the goals are a collaborative team effort. The full report can be
		obtained through the Rochester/Monroe County CoC Consolidated Plan or through the
		Monroe County Consolidated Plan.

#### Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

#### **Narrative**

The Town continues its participation on the CoC Committee and other local boards involved in public services issues, provides input on community needs, as well as the opportunity to merge resources for programs that meet identified needs. Involvement with the Homeless CoC is an example of community participation that has been beneficial in this regard. As mentioned previously, a member of the Town's Community Development staff has been appointed to the Administrative Board of the CoC and participates in reviewing applications that are received for potential funding from the CoC and also serves on the monitoring committee for the organization.

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### AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

# 1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The Town has developed and has its own policies and procedures relative to citizen participation in its CDBG Program, which reflects demographic and other characteristics of an inner-ring suburban community. Low-income, minority and disabled residents are not concentrated in easily identifiable geographic areas, but instead are rather scattered throughout the Town. These groups tend not to be organized or represented by local organizations, making direct contact impractical and it has been determined that the best effective outreach strategy for encouraging the participation of these groups is through the use of local publications, including, but not limited to: a quarterly newsletter; local newspapers; the town's website; and informational public meetings. Furthermore, certain activities utilize brochures/handouts for residents to better understand said activity of the CDBG Program and is able to provide this information at locations frequented by lower-income residents, including the elderly and disabled. Services designed specifically to benefit senior citizens are provided through the Town's departments which come in to direct contact with the elderly on a regular basis. A public notice is placed in the Town's local newspaper and is also posted on the Town's website allowing for residents, community groups, and not-for-profits to submit proposals for the expenditure of CDBG funds. Assistance is available and provided by staff and a proposal package and application form, contains detailed information about CDBG, outlining national objectives, project eligibility requirements, local needs and priorities. After programs are selected, the town publishes descriptions of program activities and fund allocations in order to provide the public with the information they need to review and comment on the plan. The plan descriptions, which in appears in the town's local newspaper and website, are published approximately two weeks or more prior to the town board's public hearing. Descriptions are also made available for viewing at town hall during normal work hours. As part of the approval for the 2019 Action Plan, the Greece Town Board held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 to provide town residents with the opportunity to hear and provide comments regarding the Action Plan's proposed activities and the fund allocation for said activities. Any comments typically made during the public hearing as well as any written comments received during a 30-day comment period are then taken into consideration when the Action Plan is finalized by the town for submission to HUD in mid-June. The Greece Town Board's public hearing, which is held in May, included an informational presentation made by a member of the Town's Community Development staff, which included descriptions of the proposed activities that constitute the Town's 2019 Action Plan, the allocation of block grant funds for the individual proposed activities, and an analysis of funding by project type. The public hearing took place in Greece's Town Board meeting room, also known as the Eastman Room, which is handicapped accessible and equipped to accommodate special needs of persons with disabilities. In addition, social media is utilized to

update residents of the status of the individuals hearings and items before the Town Board at that meeting. **No citizen spoke at the public** hearing, nor have any written comments been submitted, to date.

In recent years, the Town of Irondequoit and Monroe County had made addendums to their Citizen Participation Plan. At this time, there have been no changes/modifications made to the Town of Greece's Citizen Participation plan.

## **Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Town-Wide	None	None	N/A	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach** 

## **Expected Resources**

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The Town anticipates receiving an estimated \$388,811 for the 2019-2020 Community Block Grant Program Year from the United States

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The proposed activities and fund allocations are as follows:

Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP): \$180,000;

Public Works Infrastructure Improvements (DPW Road Program): \$100,000

Elder Care Program: \$58,000;

Home Safe Home Program: \$12,000;

General Administration: \$38,811

## **Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Exp	ected Amount	Available Year	1	Expected	Narrative Description
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
CDBG	public -	Acquisition						
	federal	Admin and Planning						
		Economic						
		Development						
		Housing						
		Public Improvements						
		Public Services	388,811	0	0	388,811	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources - Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Federal funds will be leveraged with additional resources that are made available through Monroe County's HOME fund. In past years, the Monroe County Department of Community Development sets aside Home funds for Home Improvement projects that are located within the Town. These funds can assist in offsetting funding allocated for the Town's GRIP Program. New funding should be made available upon their final approval from HUD on or about August 1, 2019.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

There are no publically owned properties in the Town that are funded through HUD resources.

#### Discussion

N/A

## **Annual Goals and Objectives**

## AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

## **Goals Summary Information**

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
1	Repair and conserve	2015	2019	Affordable		Housing	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 35
	existing housing			Housing		Rehabilitation	\$180,000	Household Housing Unit
	stock							
2	Improve public	2015	2019			Public	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
	infrastructure					Infrastructure	\$100,000	Activities other than Low/Moderate
								Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons
								Assisted

Table 6 - Goals Summary

## **Goal Descriptions**

1	Goal Name	Repair and conserve existing housing stock
	Goal Description	The Town's Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP) provides on-going housing improvements of grants for up to \$4800 each, to very-low and low-income homeowners, for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied, single-family homes located town-wide. These grants will pay for essential rehabilitation projects (e.g. roof replacement, window and door replacements, etc.) and also assist with emergency projects. (e.g. the need for a new furnace, electrical issues, etc.), so long as the applicant meets the eligibility requirements for the program. This program assists 35-40 households each program year. GRIP is one of the most popular activities the Town provides as part of the CDBG Program and the most "in-demand" in terms of resident requests. Each program year, there is extensive list of residents who inquire about being eligible to obtain grant funds. As mentioned previously, GRIP is offered town-wide as long as the applicant(s) meet the program's eligibility requirements.

## AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

For the past few years, the Town's Community Development Block Grant Program has funded the same program activities. With the exception of the last program year, the town has experienced a significant decrease in the amount of funds received by HUD. As a result of those decreases, previous program years have negatively impacted the Town's ability to meet the demand for the existing acitivies or to provide residents with new programs designed to address unmet needs. In effort to provide the same amount of funding for the most beneficial and vital activities, such as the Elder Care Program, GRIP, and Lifespan's Home Safe Home Program, which provides funding primarily for seniors (a continued priority to the Town), the town has not added new activities/programs for this CDBG Program Year. As a result of this year's block grant allocation of over \$388,000, the Town will continue to provide similar allocations to CDBG activities or increase the allocation where necessary, if needed.

#	Project Name
1	Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP)
2	DPW - Road Program (Public Works Improvements)
3	CSC Elder Care
4	Safety and Security for Seniors (Home Safe Home) Lifespan
5	General Administration

**Table 7 – Project Information** 

## Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Like previous CDBG Program Years, the Town has given priority to the rehabilitation of the older housing stock and neighborhoods, especially those within the very low, low-moderate income neighborhoods that still contain many of the town's senior citizens. These ongoing activities/programs provide for and allow for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied, single-family homes and to help pay for essential rehabilitation projects, including, but not limited to: health and safety repairs; accessibility improvements/upgrades; structural and major system repairs; and the overall aesthetic improvement to the neighborhoods. The obstacles to the CDBG Program is only the reduction in grant funding that the town has received in recent years. The demand for these activities/programs far outweighs the funding received and for some, such as GRIP, the demand and number of inquiries continues to grow.

## **AP-38 Project Summary**

**Project Summary Information** 

1	Project Name	Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Repair and conserve existing housing stock
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$180,000
	Description	This ongoing housing improvement program will provide grants of up to \$4,800 to about 35 low- and moderate-income homeowners for rehabiliation of single-family, owner-occupied homes. Grants will pay for only essential rehabiliation projects, including, but not limited too: healthy and safety repairs, acessibility improvements, structural and major systems repairs, and energy conservation upgrades. This activity is offered town-wide.
	Target Date	7/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	For the 2019-2020 Program Year, approximately 35 housing units will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	This activity is provided on a town-wide basis, with eligibility based on household income per the number of individuals residing in the home.  Target area is town-wide.
	Planned Activities	Activities planned come in the form of essential rehabilitation projects only (e.g. roof replacements, door and window replacements, etc.).  Emergency projects such as new furnaces are also permitted so long as the applicant meets the eligibility requirements of the program.
2	Project Name	DPW - Road Program (Public Works Improvements)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve public infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	This project consists of improvements of a residential street located within Greece's Community Development target areas. Improvements will include upgrading the condition of the roadways, including gutters and sidewalk alongside the road. The roads selected for this program year is Bennington Drive and Rodessa Road.

	Target Date	7/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Families that will directly benefit from this acitivity are those living the town streets that will receive improvements to their infrastructure. For the 2019-2020 Program Year, an estimated 200+/- families (residences) will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	This project consists of improvements to a residential street located within Greece's Community Development target area (Census Tract 013800), with streets up for consideration as outlined in the Five Year Plan, Improvements for this activity generally include roadway resurfacing, concrete gutter replacement, and sidewalk replacement/upgrades.
	Planned Activities	Roadway reconstruction/resurfacing, concrete gutter replacement and sidewalk replacement. The goal is for infrastructure preservation of very-low, low and moderate income neighborhoods-located within the CDBG Target Area. The roads chosen for this program year is Bennington Drive and Rodessa Road.
3	Project Name	CSC Elder Care
	Target Area	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$58,000
	Description	This activity, which is administered by the Town's Community and Senior Center, provides assessment and support services, such as transportation to frail and isolated persons 65 and older. The program is designed to promote independence and extend the time that the elderly spend living in their own homes.
	Target Date	7/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	For the 2019-2020 Program Year, it is estimated that approximately 50 people or more will benefit from this activity. This program services frail and isolated seniors, 65 years of age and older.
	Location Description	<u>Target Area is Town-Wide.</u> The activity is primarily undertaken at the Town of Greece Community and Senior Center, 2 Vince Tofany Boulevard, Greece, New York 14612.

	Planned Activities	Assessments and support services (e.g. counseling, transportation, meal delivery, etc.). The goal is to promote the independence of the frail and isolated residents in the Town of Greece. This activity is available for residents <b>Town-Wide.</b>
4	Project Name	Safety and Security for Seniors (Home Safe Home) Lifespan
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Repair and conserve existing housing stock
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	The allocation of block grant funds will enable Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc. to provide safety assessments and minor modifications for approximately 50-100 homes occupied by owners who are 62 and older.
	Target Date	7/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	For the 2019-2020 Program Year, this activity will benefit at least 50 seniors, 62 years of age and older.
	<b>Location Description</b>	<u>Town-Wide</u> (income qualified)
	Planned Activities	Safety assessments and minor home modifications to prevent home injuries. Also, it provides programs designed to resolve fraud scams that target older adults. The goal of this activity is to increase elderly home safety.
5	Project Name	General Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$38,311
	Description	These costs include salary, office, legal notice, and auditing expenses related to the administration of Greece's Community Development Block Grant Program.
	Target Date	7/31/2020

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
<b>Location Description</b>	Allows for partial salary to CDBG Administrators
Planned Activities	Allows for partial salary to CDBG Administrators.

### AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

# Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The Town is considered an "entitled community". As a whole, so much of the CDBG funding received is utilized for activities that can benefit and serve the entire community, meaning that that they are available to resident's town-wide, such as the GRIP Program. However, one activity, the DPW Road Program (Public Infrastructure) is limited to the CDBG Target Area only. That CDBG Target Area has been established by the 2010 United States Census and this areas has been greatly minimized in size over the years. Currently, the Town's Target Area is a portion of the U.S. Census Tract 013800, which is located in the Dewey/Stone area of the Town. A map created using GIS software contained within the Action Plan provides the location of Tract 013800 in relation to the overall area of the Town of Greece.

The Geographic Distribution chart provided in this sections, pertains to the Public Infrastructure improvement activity only and the neighborhood streets that are part of the Town's Road Program. Although not shown in the chart, Bennington Drive and Rodessa Road, which are both located in the target area, have been selected preliminary for improvements for the 2019 Program Year.

#### **Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Conrad Drive	
Forgham Road (from Stonewood to Britton)	
Estall Road	
Westwood Drive	
Willmae Road	
Almay Road	

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution** 

#### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

With the exception of the public infrastructure activity, which is distributed within the CDBG Target Area only, the remaining CDBG funding is distributed town wide through a variety of activities. The block grant's assistance allocated geographically is limited to Greece's Community Development Target Area for public infrastructure only, which consists of block groups that contain the highest percentage of very-low, low-and moderate persons. The areas that are given priority by the Town, based upon the income of their residents; and the fact that they are often among the community's older neighborhoods and in many cases are inhabited by seniors. As stated previously, and per the 2010 Census data, the only target area within the Town lies within the Dewey/Stone area of the town to the city line, that being U.S.

Census Tract 013800.

#### Discussion

The preservation of Greece's older residential neighborhoods, which some are located in the CDBG Target Area, and the upgrading or replacement of inadequate public infrastructure systems and facilities greatly benefits the housing stock of the elderly and other very-low, low- to moderate income residents of the Town.

## AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

#### Introduction

The need for affordable housing in the Town is especially critical for low and low-moderate income families and seniors. Based on the most recent data provided the United States' Census Bureau, approximately 5.5+/-% of the Town's senior population are below the poverty level (American Fact Finder; 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates). Furthermore, approximately 8.4+/-% of the Town's overall population are below the poverty level (American Fact Finder; 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates).

As mentioned in other sections of the Action Plan and similar to previous years, the Town does not receive HOME funding directly from HUD. Instead, the Town and its residents are eligible to participate in activities/programs funded by Monroe County's HOME allocation, since the Town is a member of the Monroe County HOME Consortium. These activities/programs include Monroe County's First Time Home Buyers Program and the Home Improvement Program.

The Town will continue to giving priority to the provision of affordable rental housing for seniors and person with disabilities and rehabilitation assistance for houses occupied by low and very-low income homeowners. The Department of Development Services has and will continue to work closely with developers of senior housing projects within the Town and will continue to support this priority.

Within the last Program Year, the Town witnessed the completion of the Cornerstone Pointe Apartments & Long Pond Senior Housing Development (1&3 GBC Parkway). This complex/project was completed in two (2) phases and provides approximately 120 rental units to seniors only. Residency is limited to those households having moderate to low incomes and all of the units have Section 8 Project Based vouchers from Rochester Housing Authority.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

In 2016, the Town, along with the Town of Irondequoit and Monroe County conducted an Analysis of Impediments of Fair Housing Choice in Monroe County (the "Al"). The following are recommendations from the Al that could remove or ameliorate barriers to affordable housing:

- Expand access to and knowledge of County and Town administered community development services, such as the home improvement programs and first-time home buyers program, by providing easily accessible information about these programs in public locations like bus stops, libraries, and clinics. *In the last year, The Town again has updated its GRIP Program brochure and has them displayed in local food* 

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pantries, churches and other places of worship, and Town facilities (Town Hall, Community and Senior Center, Libraries, and Department of Public Works). Furthermore, in the last year, the Town has hosted a series of informational meetings to discuss the eligibility and overall requirements of the program. Included, as an appendix/attachment to the Action Plan, is information posted on the Town's website regarding said informational meetings.

- Raise community awareness for externalities that limit available alternative of governments in implementing strategies to increase fair housing choice. Government cannot accomplish fair housing choice alone. The community must be part of the solution.
- While there is no panacea of all education-related issues facing Rochester and Monroe County, there are proven methods of fixing failing school systems such as empowering parents, budget and funding transparency, ending residential assignment, and more. While the Greece Central School District is not considered failing, the Town, as part of its comprehensive plan update, has included the district in discussion regarding the future direction of the Town.
- Fair Housing Planning needs to continue after the production of the AI. The Town's Department of Development Services will continue to work applicants and developers on any fair housing project that is proposed.

The Town through its GRIP Program and its involvement with Lifespan's Home Safe Home Program will continue to rehabilitate homes and allow for those grants to offset the cost of needed home repairs, and by doing so allowing their homes to remain affordable.

#### Discussion

A combination of Federal, State, County, and Town resources will continue to be used to address the Town's identified housing needs during the period covered by the next action plan's program year. The Town's CDBG funds will continue to be used to assist and finance home improvement projects whenever they are feasible and/or possible. As has been the case for the last several years, the Town anticipates the availability of funding from various not-for-profit agencies for the construction and operation of group homes in the Town designated to meet the needs of person with disabilities.

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## AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

#### Introduction

Due to a disproportionate percentage of Greece's elderly population fall below the area's poverty level, the Town of recognizes the importance of addressing this groups special needs through its CDBG Program. As stated in the Five Year, First Year's Action Plan, during the next year, as in previous years, the block grant program funds will continue to be used by the Town to provide for its most at-risk senior citizens with services that are designated to ensure their continued independence and financial well-being.

#### Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The cost of housing continues to remain a burden for low and low-moderate income family along with the number of affordable units in the Town. Demands for resources continue to grow, while the overall amount of the Town's block grant has been decreasing, historically. The Town will continue to focus its block grant on: 1) Continued funding of the Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP) to assist very-low, low, and low-moderate income homeowners to maintain their homes and to provides grants to make necessary repairs/upgrades to their homes; 2) Continued funding of Lifespan's Home Safe Home Program to allow for senior residents to stay in their homes longer by providing safety upgrades to their living unit by making them more accessible (e.g. grab bars, railings, etc.); 3) Continued funding of the Elder Care Program to frail and isolated residents age 65 and older in effort to promote independence and to extend the time that they are living in their own homes.

#### Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The need for affordable housing continues to be especially acute, given the Town's large and continued growing elderly population and the very limited number of affordable rental units currently available in the community. Attesting to this need are the large number of persons on waiting lists that exist for senior housing project that are developed and/or currently under construction. The Town's Department of Development Services continues to work with developers for the potential of additional projects for senior housing within the Town.

#### Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Inspections performed by the building inspectors and personnel in Greece's Department of Technical Services (Building Department), as part of the Town's block grant funded Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP) include lead-based paint hazard identification and disclosure. A consultant is retained to inspect potential hazards to determine appropriate remediation activities. The chosen

consultant must possess expertise in the area of lead-based paint testing.

#### Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Due to a disproportionate percentage of the Town's elderly population falling below the area's poverty levels, the Town recognizes the importance of addressing that groups special needs through Greece's CDBG program. Block grant program funds have and will continue to be used by the Town to provide its most at-risk senior citizens with services that are designed to ensure their continued independence and financial well-being. This is accomplished primarily through the Town's Elder Care Program, which provides Greece's frail and isolated seniors with counseling, transportation services, and other necessary services.

#### Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Another major component of Greece's anti-poverty strategy recognizes the importance that growing the local economy plays in reducing the number of poverty level families. Therefore, a major priority of the Town continues to be increasing the number of jobs available within Greece. The Town will continue to pursue this objective through a number of local job-creation initiatives, including continued commercial development. Some major developments within the town are:

100 Gates Greece Townline Road - Addision Precision Manufacturing is in the process of constructing a 84,000 square feet freestanding light industrial building, with additional area to expand.; 1700 Lexington Avenue - DuPont is in the process of constructing a two-story 50,000+/- square feet addition to an existing manufacturing building; 1349-1401 Ridgeway Avenue - Ridgeway Properties I, LLC (LiDestri) has received preliminary approval to construct a eco-industrial park (approximately five buildings, 2,000,000± square feet at full buildout); 3455 & 3471 Mount Read Boulevard - Village Crossing, LLC has received approval to construct a mixed-use retail and office building (two stories; 47,380± total square feet—23,240 square feet on ground floor, 24,140 square feet on second floor)- construction is expected to begin sometime this year; Generally, southeast corner of Latta Road and Long Pond Road - DVL2, LLC has under construction a proposed medical office building (one story, 15,000± square feet).

# Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The Town will continue to work with and attend the monthly meetings of the Rochester/Monroe County Continuum of Care (CoC) and the HSN (Homeless Stakeholders Network), as a resource for pursing

Annual Action Plan 2019 enhanced coordination amongst private and public housing agencies. Each representative and/or entity on the CoC plays a key role in the formulation of projects, integration of community wide goals and objectives, as well as the overall program development.

#### Discussion

The Town will continue to provide on-going efforts to revitalize the Dewey/Stone Corridor, one of the Greece's older neighborhoods and the location of several of the Town's CDBG target areas (Census Tract 013800). There continues to be a demand and for on-going allocation of block grant funds for programs or projects directly benefitting the area, especially with GRIP funding and public infrastructure. These programs have been designed by the Town of address many of financial restrictions and neighborhood aesthetics problems that have resulted from this area's concentration of very-low, low- and moderate income residents.

## **Program Specific Requirements**

## AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction

# Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next	
program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to	
address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not	
been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0
Other CDBG Requirements	
1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that	
benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period	
of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall	
benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate	
income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	0.00%

### Discussion

All of the activities accomplished as part of our CDBG Program have either income requirements or they are located in low to moderate income neighborhoods.

## **Attachments**

#### Town of Greece

#### Citizen Participation Comments:

The Citizen Participation 30-day comment period ran from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 31st 2019.

The Town of Greece Town Roard placed a legal description in the newspaper on May 2, 2019 and also on the Town's website pertaining to the receiving of public comments and the notification of the Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st – pertaining to the Town of Greece's 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and activities.

No comments were received at the public hearing, during the 30-day comment period, or at any time after the comment period.

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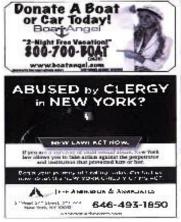
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# AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

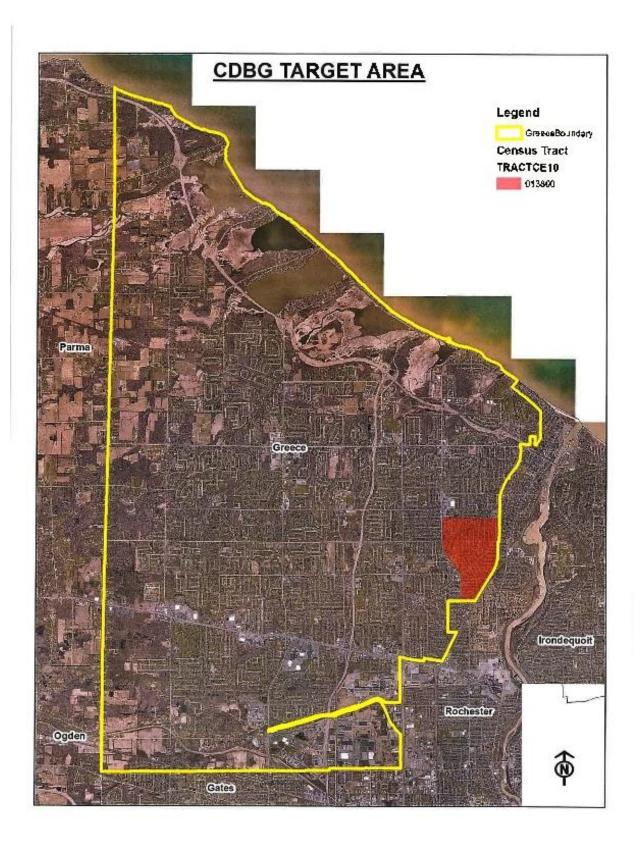
The Town of Greece is considered an "entitled community" as a whole so much of the CDBG funding received is utilized for activities that serve the entire community, meaning that they are available townwide. However, one activity (Public Infrastructure) is limited to CDBG Target Area only. The CDBG Target Area has been established by the 2010 United States Census and this area has greatly minimized in size. Currently, the Town's Target Area is a portion of the U.S. Census Tract 013800. Included as an appendix/attachment of the Action Plan is map showing the location of the Target Area as it relates to the overall Town.

The Geographic Distribution chart provided in this section, pertains to the Public Infrastructure improvement activity only and the neighborhood streets that are a part of the town road program.

# Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Bennington Drive and Rodessa Road	100%

IDIS would not allow us to add additional locations/streets in the target area, as purit of the geographic distribution requirement of this section. For the 2019-2020Program Year, the DPW - Road Program is the only public infrastructure activity/project funded by the Town of Greece's Block Grant. 100% of public infrastructure funds will be allocated to the Improvement of Bennington Drive and Rodessa Road, which is located in Gensus Tract 01380D. Additional information regarding this activity/project is outlined in the "AP-35 Projects" portion of the Action Plan.



# Affordable Housing

# AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220 (g)

### Introduction

The Town of Greece through CDBG funds administers the Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP) and partners with Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc. as part of its Home Safe Home Program provides income cligible homeowners with grants for needed repairs and modifications, thereby maintaining affordability. In addition, the Town of Greece, on behalf of Monroe County receive an allocation of HOME funds, which GRIP utilizes for a select number of projects each year.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported		
Homeless	0	
Non-Homeless	o	
Special Needs	0	
Total	0	

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through		
Rental Assistance	0	
The Production of New Units	0	
Rehah of Existing Units	110	
Acquisition of Existing Units	٥	
Total	110	

### Exhibit 1

# Residential Development

### (Proposed & Under Construction)

- 2451 = 24455 Latta Rd.: Apple Latta (Angelo Ingrassia) is building Orchard View Apts. (80 market rate town houses for rent to senior citizens, and 360 market rate garden apartments for rent to seniors.
   Phase Listunder construction.
- 839 N. Greece Rd.: Ron Berardi is building the Meadows at English, which will consist of 27 market rate duplexes for rent to senior citizens.
- W of Kirk Rd.: Ancor 11C (Joe Sciortino) is continuing to develop the Lantana Estates subdivision (pationhomes for senior citizens, Sec. 2 (9 houses). An additional section containing houses was approved earlier this year, 50 total houses approved for the subdivision.
- Janes Rd. at NYS Rte. 390: Faber Homes (Bernie Jacovangelo) still is building Regency Park subdivision,
   Ser. 3 (51 hnuses). 206 total houses approved for the subdivision.
- W of Flynn Rd., N of Post Ave.: Sortino Builders (Ide Sortino) still is building the Crescent Park subdivision, Sec. 10 (21 houses). 189 total houses approved for the subdivision.
- W of Flynn Rd., N of Post Ave.: Sortino Builders (Joe Sortino) has received approval for the Crescent Park subdivision, Sec. 11 (15 houses), 189 total houses approved for the subdivision.
- W of Flynn Rd., 5 of Post Ave.: Timberland Development (Jim Kartes) is building Avery Park subdivision,
   Sec. 6 (16 houses), 132 total houses approved for the subdivision.
- W of Flynn Rd., 5 of Post Ave.: Timberland Development (Jim Kartes) is building Avery Park subdivision, Sec. 7 (16 houses). 132 total houses approved for the subdivision.
- E of N. Greece Rd., N of Latta Rd.: North Greece LLC (Jay Wegman) still is building Fieldstone Villas subdivision, Sec. 3 (29 houses). 100 total houses approved for the subdivision.
- E of N. Greece Rd., N of Latta Rd.: Horizon Homes (Jay Wegman) still is building Fieldstone Estates subdivision, Sec. 7 (11 houses). 123 total houses approved for the subdivision.
- E of N. Greece Rd., N of Latta Rd.: Horizon Homes (Jay Wegman) is building Fieldstone Estates subdivision, Sec. 8 (11 houses). 123 total houses approved for the subdivision.
- Off the northern stub end of Gulnevere Dr.: Crosstown Construction (Rudy Neuteld) is building the English Oaks subdivision (15 houses).
- **S of Peck Rd.:** Ben-Fall Development (Bruno and Marc Fallone) still is building Stonewood Manor, Sec. 4 (14 houses). 64 total houses approved for the subdivision.
- **2825** and **2839** Ridgeway Ave.: Marc-Mar Homes (Bruno and Marc Fallone) still is building the Woods at Canal Path subdivision, Sec. 2 (7 houses).

- *S* of Mill Rd., W of N. Greece Rd.: Tra-Mac Bullders (Tom Thomas) still is building Images West, Sec. 8 (14 houses). 213 total houses approved for the subdivision.
- **5 of Mill Rd., W of N. Groece Rd.**: Tra-Mac Builders (Tom Thomas) is building Bellesara supdivision (90 houses).
- Southeast comer of Kirk Rd. and Janes Rd.: Angel Homes, LLC is building Section 6 of the Cameron Listates subdivision, Sec. 6 (3 houses).
- **1826-1924 Maiden Ln.**: Robert Laviano has received site plan approval for the Maiden Meadows cownhome project (72± units).



# Supervisor Reilich, Councilman Jensen, and Councilman Murphy Host Town of Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP) Informational Meeting at Journey Christian Church

### Details

Published: April 18th, 2019

**Supervisor Bill Reitich**, Councilman Josh Jensen, and Councilman William Murphy are pleased to present an evening discussion on the availability of grant funds for the 2019 Greece Residential Improvement Program, otherwise known as "GRIP", on **Tuesday, April 23, 2019**. The meeting will be at **Journey Christian Church, 3955 Mt. Read Blvd**, in the Upper East Wing Room.

This federally funded program through the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) allows the Town to provide grants up to \$4,800 to income-eligible homeowner's that are in need of a major home repair or improvement project to their home.

To be eligible to participate in the program, the home must be a single-family, owner-occupied dwelling, located within the Town of Greece. The home cannot be a renta, property nor can the assessed value exceed \$119,000. Other eligibility criteria must be met in order to be fully approved. Department of Development Services and Building Department staff that oversees the CDBG p. ogram will be available to answer any questions and to provide assistance with the application process.

The overall purpose of the GRIP program is to identify and address needed home repairs and rehabilitation activities to achieve safe and decent housing within the Town. Therefore, GRIP grants will pay for only essential rehabilitation projects, including health and safety repairs, accessibility improvements, structural and major system repairs, and energy conservation upgrades. These include structural, weather-related, or safety issues that could create dangerous living conditions. Applicants must meet all program guidelines in order to qualify for the program. Funding is limited

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and applications are processed on a first come, first-serve basis and need to be fully approved and documented before projects can proceed.

Town of Greece residents residing in the 2<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>th</sup> wards are invited to carticipate in this presentation. Look for upcoming dates to be announced for residents in the 1<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> wards of Town. For additional information or questions about eligibility, please contact the Town of Greece GRIP office at (\$85) 723-2384.

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# Supervisor Reilich, Councilman Mike Barry, and Councilwoman Diana Christodaro Host Town of Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP) Informational Meeting at Greece Public Library

### Details

Published: April 24th, 2019

**Supervisor Bill Reilich**, Councilman Mike Barry, and Councilwoman Diana Christodaro are pleased to present an evening discussion on the availability of grant funds for the 2019 Greece Residential Improvement Program, otherwise known as "GRIP", on Thursday, May 2<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 6:00pm. The presentation and discussion will be held at the Greece Public Library Main Branch, 2 Vince Tofany Boulevard, in the Frear Conference Room. Greece residents of the 1<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>rd</sup> wards are invited to attend.

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Applicants must meet all program guidelines in order to qualify for the program. Funding is limited and applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis and need to be fully approved and documented before projects can proceed.

Town of Greece residents residing in the 1st and 4th wards are invited to participate in this presentation. For additional information or questions about eligibility, please contact the Town of Creece GRIP office at (585) 723-2384.

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